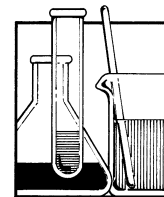


DRINKING WATER WELL TESTING PROGRAM
AG EXPO 2003
Tent 26
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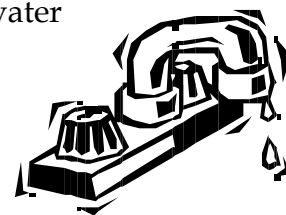


The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) will screen drinking water well samples for free during Ag Expo 2003. Samples will be screened for nitrate and triazines (atrazine and some related herbicides). This year Ag Expo will be held from July 22–24 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The water screening will be at Tent 26. Educational materials and information on groundwater stewardship will also be available. To have water from your well tested, follow the instructions provided below.

*This service is for private drinking water wells only. Public water supplies are tested regularly. Please do **not** bring in samples from public water supplies or non-drinking water samples.*

Testing for triazines and nitrate may be limited to the first 1,800 water samples. Sample bottles will be available on a limited basis from your local MGSP technician or your local MSU Extension office. You *do not* have to use a special bottle for this screening. Any small clean jar will work.

Collect the sample no more than 1 day before you will drop it off. First, fill out the sample information sheet. Next, pick a tap that is *not* connected to any water treatment devices (water softener, carbon filter, etc.). An outside faucet often works well. Then, run the water for 10 to 15 minutes, to flush the pipes and to make sure you are collecting a representative sample. Fill the bottle completely. Be careful not to touch the inside of the cap. Cap the sample, and label the bottle clearly with your name, the date, and the well name (cottage well, Mom's well, etc). Fold and wrap the sample information sheet around the bottle, and put them both into a water-proof plastic bag. Keep the sample dark and cold (on ice or refrigerated) until it is delivered to **Tent 26** at Ag Expo. In some areas of the state MGSP groundwater technicians or MSU Extension staff will accept samples and transport them to Ag Expo. Contact them for more information, at your local Conservation District or MSU Extension office.



The results from your water sample will be strictly confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results and information about what you should do if the concentration of nitrate is too high or if triazines are detected in the sample.

Please be sure to fill out the sample information sheet on the back side of this flyer as thoroughly as possible and bring it with your water sample to Ag Expo. **We need a complete mailing address to get your results back to you.** You can get more information from your local MGSP technician, at your county Extension Office, or by calling the MDA at (517) 373-6893.

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